

Tennent, W. J. Some observations on the brown and blue colour forms of female *Lysandra punctifera* Oberthur and *Agrodiaetus amanda abdelaziz* Blachier (Lep.: *Lycaenidea*) in North Africa. *Ent. Gaz.* 39 (in press).

F. W. FROWHAWK'S NATURAL HISTORY OF BRITISH BUTTERFLIES : NOTES ON THE DATE OF PUBLICATION — A note in this journal (*Ent. Rec.* 99: 214), by Mr. Gardiner attempted to correct the date of publication given in the bibliography accompanying Colin Pratt's article on the comma butterfly. Though I think both of these correspondents were referring to F. W. Frohawk's two volume work that appeared in 1924, for the record it seems necessary to point out that his *Natural History of British Butterflies* was in fact 'published' in 1915 in abridged form.

Quite what laws define publication date, I know not, but it is clear that the material that was published in '*THE FIELD, the Country Gentleman's Newspaper*' volume 125, consisting of an introductory article and thirty-four weekly parts, was material intended for a book, publication of which was delayed by nine years, initially due to 'hostilities'. Frohawk, in the introduction to his *The Complete Book of British Butterflies* published on December 14th 1934, described publication of his previous work as 1924, and failed to mention the earlier use of the title.

Never the less, there appeared in print in 1915, material under a title that only varies from the 1924 publication, by the lack of the definite article prefix. An article advertising this serialisation, was published in the December 26th 1914 issue of the '*The Field*' but this does not appear to be from the hand of Frohawk, so Colin Pratt's reference to 1914 would seem to be incorrect. Brian Gardiner's categorical statement of publication in 1924 without mention of the 1915 material, might well have led to just the errors that he set out to correct. D.E. WILSON, Joyce House, Green Tye, Much Hadham, Hertfordshire SG10 6JJ.

NEW EUPITHECIA RECORDS (LEP.: GEOMETRIDAE) FOR CARDIGANSHIRE FROM ROTHAMSTED INSECT SURVEY LIGHT TRAPS — Although some of the following species have been recorded for what is now the larger administrative county of Dyfed they appear to be new records for the smaller pre-1974 county of Cardiganshire. As many entomologists still refer to the older county boundaries and those of the Watsonian Vice-counties (which are the same in the case of Cardiganshire) I thought the captures should be recorded formally:

*Eupithecia haworthiata* Doubl.: One on 4.viii.1985 at Tregaron; *Eupithecia valerianata* Hb.: One on 15.vii.1986 at Tregaron (Genitalia examined); *Eupithecia expallidata* Doubl.: Two during

August 1984 and 5 during July and August 1986 at Aberystwyth; one on 3.viii.1984 at Aberporth (Genitalia examined); *Eupithecia assimidata* Doubl.: One on 12.vii.1985 and one on 13.vi.1986 at Tregaron; one on 14.vi. and one on 17.vi.1986 at Aberystwyth; *Eupithecia virgaureata* Doubl.: Two well-defined broods with many individuals caught during May and Aug./Sep. at Tregaron 1984, 1985 and 1986, Aberystwyth 1984 and Aberporth 1984 and 1985. (Genitalia examined); *Eupithecia pusillata* D. & S.: One on 1.vii. 1986 at Aberporth. (Genitalia examined); *Eupithecia tantillaria* Boisd.: Several during June 1984 and 1986 at Aberporth; one on 4.vi.1984 and one on 15.vi.1986 at Aberystwyth.

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CIMBERIS ATTELABOIDES FAB. (COL.: NEMONYCHIDAE)  
IN WEST CUMBRIA — On 28th April, 1987 I swept one specimen of this species from long grass near to some Larch trees in the Forestry Commission plantation at Longbarrow, Dent Fell, (NGR NY03, 12), Cumbria. In spite of further searching and sweeping in the immediate area this was the only individual seen. *C. attelaboides* has previously been recorded from Cumbria, but I have been unable to find any published records of it from the West Cumbria region. F. H. Day recorded the weevil from several localities around the Carlisle area and specimens in Day's collection in the Tullie House Museum at Carlisle are from Newton Moss, (NY43), Cumwhitton Moss, (NY43), Durdar, (NY44), Orton, (NY35) and Talkin Tarn, (NY55).

*Cimberis attelaboides* is regarded as being scarce in Britain, but it appears to be widely distributed, especially in Scotland. The adults and larvae are associated with *Pinus sylvestris*, but the species is also known to attack *Pinus pinaster* on the continent. the larvae feed on the pollen in the male flowers of *P. sylvestris* and pupation takes place in the soil.

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